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## Clarke Credits Governor's Leadership in Violent Video Game Victory

Granholm Backs Senate Democrats in Fight for Michigan's Families

LANSING- State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) lauded Governor Granholm's leadership today in securing passage of legislation to protect Michigan's children from ultra-violent and sexually charged video games. Clarke praised the Governor at a bill signing ceremony in Detroit for legislation that will make it a crime for retailers to knowingly sell adult-themed video games to minor children.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we would not have this legislation before us today if not for the Governor's outspoken leadership," said Sen. Clarke. "This is a victory for Michigan's parents and they have our governor to thank."

Senator Clarke introduced the original violent video game legislation and has campaigned tirelessly around the state promoting the issue. Senate Democrats rallied behind Clarke's proposal and, with the backing of the Governor, forced obstructionist Republicans to take up violent video game legislation. Governor Granholm recognized Senator Clarke's critical role in this effort by asking him to stand by her side during the ceremonial bill signing.

"This legislative victory will help give parents the knowledge to make informed decisions about what is right for their children," said Clarke. "Only parents should have the right to determine if their child is mature enough to handle adult-themed material. To allow a system to continue that took that power away from Michigan's parents was unconscionable to me."

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